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SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1912.

CENTENNIAL DAY.

Bloomfield is One Hundred Years Old To-day—Centennial Anniversary will be Celebrated To-night—Public Meeting in Old First Church

This is Bloomfield's centennial anniversary. One hundred years ago today, March 23, 1812, this municipality was created by Act of the Legislature.

A public meeting in observance of the centenary of the setting off of the township of Bloomfield from the township of Newark will be held in the First Presbyterian Church tonight at 8 o'clock.

The pealing of the bell in the old First Belfry will call the people to that historic edifice to-night as it did the generation of one hundred years ago. In the church the exercises will open with an organ prelude. Miss Gertrude Ward presiding at the organ, following that the audience will rise and sing "The Star Spangled Banner," and remain standing while an invocation is offered by the Rev. George L. Curtis, D. D., pastor of the First Church.

The High School Glee Club, under the conductorship of Professor P. J. Smith will sing two selections, "True Freedom" and "The Flag," after which Mayor Hauser will make an address.

Frederick M. Davis, chairman of the Centennial Celebration Committee, will read the act of Legislature creating the township of Bloomfield. Mr. Davis will also give an outline of the programme for the June celebration. The Honorable John Franklin Fort, former governor of the State, will deliver the oration and his theme will be Bloomfield, past and present, and the exercises will close with singing of "America," led by the Glee Club.

The Centennial Celebration Committee has requested that there be a general display of flags today in commemoration of the centennial.

As a very large attendance is expected at the meeting tonight, the committee in charge has suggested that those desiring seats come early to the church.

The local merchants have been requested to make a special illumination of their stores tonight.

LET THERE BE A GRAND RALLY.

The hearing to be given by Governor Wilson on the Beard bill will take place at 4 o'clock in the governor's room in the State House.

The 2:30 p. m. train from Market street station of the Pennsylvania Railroad will arrive at Trenton in time for the hearing. The hearing is one of the most important steps towards getting the Beard measure enacted into a law and it is imperative that Bloomfield, Belleville and Nutley be largely represented and that the delegations go prepared to meet and confute the strongest arguments that can be put forward by the Orange, East Orange and Montclair representatives. The advocates of the bill have thus far successfully combated their opponents through the House and Senate and the opponents are going to make their last and most determined stand in the battle next Tuesday afternoon. It cannot be emphasized too strongly that a critical stage in the fight has been reached and it is of the utmost importance that there be a grand rally of the advocates of the bill next Tuesday. In the meantime let every citizen of this town, Belleville and Nutley, who cannot attend the hearing, write to the governor at once.

What Mayor Hinck Can Now Do.

The Legislature having now stripped the moribund State Board of Health of all power to authorize the contemplated outrage upon Bloomfield and Belleville by making them a sewage dumping ground for Montclair and East Orange, Mayor Hinck of Montclair, is free to dispose otherwise of the 100 acres of land in the two former towns which he secured as a site for a disposal plant in anticipation of the joint action of Montclair and East Orange. The mayor is now at liberty, also, to secure an equal amount of land in his own municipality or in East Orange. Not the slightest objection will be offered by any other municipality to such a site, and all that remains for Mayor Hinck is to get the consent of Montclair or East Orange citizens. Then he can go right ahead and contract for the installation of the German patent system he has so highly lauded. All the beautiful park features that Mayor Hinck promised to confer upon Belleville and Bloomfield will then be bestowed upon Montclair or East Orange, and their citizens have the positive assurances of the mayor, as well as of the disposal plant proponent, that so far from being a malodorous nuisance, the plant will exhale delightful fragrance, if any, and really make surrounding property more desirable—Newark Star.



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High School Athletics.

The Bloomfield Savings Institution managers say in effect to the town "we are out on the Broad street sidewalk and you cannot put us off." The Town Council gave us the privilege to do so and you cannot take that privilege away from us." "be it right or be it municipal consent given is irrelevant and we mean to stay there."

Dillon, on municipal corporation, a recognized authority, has been cited in support of the bank's usurpation of public property. The bank managers interpret Judge Dillon to be a nuisance, nor in this country can a vocable. There are those who claim that Judge Dillon never laid down any such doctrine as that credited to him by the bank managers and that in no sense can his words be construed in support of the bank act. This is a case in which a direct appeal to Dillon is the proper course.

In volume 3, section 1131, page 1787, Judge Dillon says: "The king cannot license the erection or commission of a nuisance nor in this country can a municipal corporation do so, by virtue of any inherent or general powers."

A building or other structure of a like nature, erected upon a street without the sanction of the Legislature is a nuisance and the local corporate authorities of a place cannot give a valid permission thus to occupy streets without express or plain power to this end conferred upon them by charter or statute. The usual power to regulate and control streets has even been held not to authorize the municipal authorities to allow them to be encroached upon by the adjoining owner by erection made at his exclusive use and advantage, such as porches extending into the streets, or flights of stairs leading from the ground to the upper stories of buildings, standing on the line of the street."

Section 1128, Dillon says: "In many cities lot proprietors upon streets are permitted or not forbidden to make openings in the streets in order to obtain an entrance into the basement or cellars. It is also the usage that owners of buildings may make openings under the sidewalk or street to obtain additional cellar room. If the fee of the street is in the municipality in trust for the public uses, as it frequently is, it extends to the whole street, including its sidewalk, and the adjoining lot owner has, it seems clear, no absolute right as against the public or the municipality charged with the control of the streets, to appropriate them to their use, and in our judgment the lot owners' right is not substantially greater, even if he has the fee in the street. In either case to recognize such a right, except subject to municipal regulation would be inconsistent with the public rights, which are paramount in the whole street to the extent of all legitimate street uses and servitudes required, or which may be required for the public benefit and conveniences—the lot owners' rights are subject to the paramount rights of the public, and the rights of the public are not limited to a mere right of way, but extend as we have shown, to all beneficial legitimate street uses, as the public good or convenience may from time to time require. The use of the streets for sewers, tunnelling, public cisterns, gas pipes, water pipes and other improvements might be seriously affected by the recognition of a right in the abutter to make, at pleasure, openings in or even under the sidewalk or street, except subject to reasonable municipal regulation."

It is clear that all rights of this character are subject to legislative and municipal regulation."

Section 1128, Dillon says: "The decision, however, appear uniformly to recognize the fact that if a structure of this kind be erected without the consent of the municipality, either express or implied, it is an illegal obstruction which may be removed at the suit of the proper public authorities or of an adjoining owner who suffers special damage by reason thereof."

Centennial Banquet.

The banquet committee of the Centennial Celebration General Committee met Thursday night and decided that the banquet should be a public affair and tickets sold to all applicants. It was also decided that the banquet will be held in the town and in the new High School building if that is ready in time. The number of tickets to be sold will be limited only to the seating capacity of the place in which the banquet may be held.

Glen Ridge Notes.

The department of English literature of the Woman's Club met at the residence of Mrs. George F. Brown Jr., so Franklin place, Thurday afternoon. The subject was "Literature of the South; William Gilmore Sims, Sidney Lanier."

The wedding of Miss Mary Gertrude Unangst and Joseph Douglas Tryon of Washington place, will take place Wednesday, April 10, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Milton Unangst, of South Hillside avenue. The wedding will be a quiet one, with only the members of the two families present.

Mrs. James A. Stewart gave an informal tea at her home in Ridgewood avenue Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Thomas G. Smith of Ridgewood avenue, entertained at luncheon at her home Monday. Covers were laid for ten and the guests were members of a committee upon which Mrs. Smith had served as chairman.

Mrs. Louis Hinrichs gave one of a series of informal teas at her home in Douglas road, Wednesday afternoon. The guests were the mothers of the children in the fifth grade of the Glen Ridge school. Mrs. Hinrichs was assisted by Miss Augusta Fulford, who is the teacher of the fifth grade.

The department of civics of the Woman's Club of Glen Ridge met at the residence of Mrs. Leigh H. Davy, 25 Hillside avenue, yesterday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Miss Emma L. Adams of New York, spoke on "Girls' Welfare Work in New York City."

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Kirby of Washington street, entertained out-of-town guests at dinner Wednesday night. Covers were laid for fourteen. The table was decorated with spring flowers and the place cards were in the shape of butterflies.

Mrs. H. M. Edwards of Ridgewood avenue, has gone to Summerville, N. C., for a few days.

The Utopian Club met at the residence of Mrs. G. W. Wingfield, 45 Hillcrest road, Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. F. B. Williams gave a talk on her recent trip to the Grand Canyon. Mrs. Williams showed a number of color sketches made by her husband, who is an artist. The next regular meeting of the club, scheduled for the Wednesday before Easter, will be omitted.

Miss Maud Smith gave a card party at her home, Midland avenue, Wednesday afternoon. There were five tables of five hundred in play. Miss Smith was assisted by Mrs. William J. Cochran and Miss Marian Cochran. High scores were made by Miss Blanche Lee, Miss Gertrude Unangst, Miss Vera Thompson and Miss Lillian Gee.

A Boys' Conference.

Following up the enthusiasm aroused by the Men and Religion Forward Movement, there will be a conference and mass meetings in the interest of the boys on Saturday, March 30th and 31st, in the Park M. E. Church new parish house.

The delegates to this conference will be boys from fifteen to twenty years of age elected from the various Sunday schools of our town. To cover the necessary expenses, there will be a registration fee of twenty-five cents for each delegate, the same to be provided by the Sunday-schools appointing a delegate.

The conference will begin at three o'clock on Saturday afternoon with an intermission of an hour and a supper at six o'clock, served by the ladies of our churches, followed by further conference in the evening.

These conferences and mass meetings will be led and addressed by experts in boys' work so that all those who are permitted to attend may be sure of an interesting and profitable time.

Mass meetings in the interest of the boys will be held Sunday evening, one for the fathers and men interested in the welfare of the boys, to be addressed by Mr. John T. Sproul, president of the Coal and Iron National Bank, a very active worker in the interest of the boys and the young people of our State, also by Mr. Henry B. Dickson, secretary of the Orange Y. M. C. A.

There will also be a meeting for mothers, older sisters and lady friends of the boys, in the Jarvis Memorial Hall, to be addressed by Mr. Charles R. Scott, who will illustrate his lecture by numerous pictures taken by him during twenty years of active work and special study of boys.

In the church parlor at the same hour will be a meeting of the older boys, to be addressed by Frank H. Ritchie, international Y. M. C. A. secretary.

A chorus choir will lead the singing at the women's meeting, a double male quartet at the men's, and a male quartet at the boys' meeting.

Easter Week Services.

The Bloomfield Evangelical Union have arranged a most helpful series of Union services for the week preceding Easter.

Saturday and Sunday there will be a conference in the interest of the older boys. On Tuesday there will be a service held in Westminster Presbyterian Church to be addressed by the Rev. John Carson, D. D., of Brooklyn; on Wednesday evening in the First Presbyterian Church, to be addressed by the Rev. S. Parks Cadman, D. D., also of Brooklyn; and Thursday evening in the Park M. E. Church by the Rev. Christian Reainer, pastor of the Grace M. E. Church of New York city. Friday evening the chorus choir of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, will render "The Crucifixion," by John Steiner.

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